



*From the Corner Office...*

**Winter Wonders**

The winter months get a bad wrap in terms of the doldrums, cabin fever and the like. However the winter season here at LCYDC has been anything but dull or static. To the contrary, there has been a beehive of activities of all sorts as the photos inside our newsletter will attest.

Recently, it was our great honor to thank and recognize employees who celebrated their work anniversaries during the past year:

**Three Years of Service:** Hannah Deep, Sheila Buckley, Janice Thomas, Temeria Martin, Stanley Garrett and Christina Kindred; **Five Years of Service:** Argentena Harris, Tavarius McNeil; **Ten Years of Service:** Cayla Huffman; **Fifteen Years of Service:** Terry Woodall, Amy Tatum; **Twenty-five Years of Service:** Phyllis Jeter; **Thirty Years of Service:** Wendy Birmingham.

We are so grateful to our employees who have continued their careers with our company. Human Services is a volatile industry with a very high rate of employee turnover. These positions require a great deal of sacrifice and emotional stamina – kudos to those who stick and stay!

We also had two of our Chanticleer Learning Center educators to be nominated and selected as Max Federal Credit Union's **"Life Changer" award recipients**. We are pleased to salute our Career Tech Instructor, Ms. Sherry Cook and our Art & Graphics Instructor, Ms. Monica Foster. These two educators exemplify excellence in their work to inspire and impact the students in their charge. They routinely go above and beyond to expose our children to the endless possibilities within and ahead of them. Congratulations on this well earned recognition!

Each year our agency takes note of those direct service workers who quietly go about their duties and make a tremendous difference at our agency. **The Cecil D. Moreman Award** is named for one of our late founders – Mrs. Moreman was a woman of deep faith, high ideals and boundless energy. Our 2021 Moreman Award winner work behind the scenes watching our cameras, making note of any and all concerns and thereby mitigating countless issues in our programs which – if left unchecked – could lead to major trouble. Our agency is proud to salute our Surveillance Specialist, **Ms. Gaynell Morris** who has distinguished herself by her consistent and continual outstanding job performance which advance and advocates our agency's mission. Congratulations and well done Ms. Morris!

And the winter wonders do not stop with our hard working and distinguished staff members. We stand in awe of the children, teens young adults and families who permit us to serve them. We are appreciative to our many state and local stakeholders and the many volunteers and benefactors who give so generously of their valuable time and resources. So much light and warmth to illuminate the darkness and cold of this winter season – we are very so grateful!

*Laura Cooper, Executive Director*



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 12/4 Mary Todd
- 12/12 Kambria White
- 12/20 Creola Richardson
- 12/23 Mitzi Rogers
- 12/29 Amy Tatum
- 12/31 Christopher Glaze

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1/2 Haley Threatt
- 1/4 Raven Floyd
- 1/11 Bradford Ford
- 1/12 Tiffany Moore
- 1/13 Temeria Martin
- 1/14 Kelli Morgan
- 1/17 Aldravius Reese
- 1/21 Pamela Wilson

- 1/21 Stephens Roberts
- 1/29 Johnathan Baker  
**NEW HIRES**
- 10/10/2021, Amy Lusane,  
Administrative Asst. Clinical Services
- 10/10/2021 , Janat Clemendor,  
Remote Benefits Specialist
- 10/10/2021 , Latrina Thomas,  
Social Worker TFC, Continuum Care Services
- 10/10/2021 , Tracie Moore, Admin Asst, Outreach Services
- 10/24/2021 , Lyndsey Beck-Caver, Social Worker, TLP/ILP Residential Care Services
- 10/24/2021 , Sarah Webber,  
Residential Spec I Voyages, Residential Care Services
- 11/21/2021, Dale Barfield,  
Residential Specialist II Passages, Residential Care Services

- 11/21/2021, Lynne Jackson,  
Teacher's Aide Detention
- 11/21/2021, Valarie Ligon,  
Teacher's Aide CADS
- 11/27/2021, Rina Nellon, Life Coach II TLP, Residential Care Services
- 12/05/2021, Tawanna Dankyi,  
Weekend Life Coach TLP, Residential Care Services
- 12/05/2021, Thomas McDonald,  
Residential Specialist II Passages, Residential Care Services

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# CENTER SCENES...

## OUR VERY FIRST FLOAT!

For weeks leading up to December 4th, our team of “Elves” led by Ms. Monica Foster and dozens of staff and children worked and labored to create the float “Youth Express to Success”. This was LCYDC very first time entering a float which was ridden by our staff and their children while “our” children cheered on from the sidelines. Congratulations to all laborers and revelers – it was a special Saturday in downtown Opelika – a moment now etched in our agency lore – So Proud!



2021 MOREMAN AWARD

## SOME PROJECT UPLIFT CHRISTMAS FUN



## RADIO BOOT CAMP GRADUATES

The magnificent and marvelous Mr. Richard LaGrand took on five of our young people and introduced, trained and steeped them into the world of radio broadcasting and community engagement. Mr. LaGrand trusted these young citizens to comport themselves with professionalism and dignity and boy - did they ever deliver! A week of training and learning was capped off with a presentation before the Lee County Commissioners where Commissioner LaGrand presented his students with their Certificates of Completion. Congratulations to Lindsey, Layla, Kallie, Ka'Mariyah and Maliyah – you young ladies rock! A special Thank you to Hallelujah 910 AM, Ms. Sherry Cook and the local community leaders who impacted these young lives. Thank you and Hallelujah to the incomparable Richard Lagrand – we are forever in your debt for this remarkable experience!



## MANY, MANY THANKS!

We have so many organizations, businesses and individuals to thank for their kindness over the past several months including: Lee County Association of Realtors; Home Depot, The Yoga Room; Auburn University Athletics; Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn; Ms. Trudy Jackson-Hung; Mr. Henry Carson Jackson, Jr.; Ms. Mary Kate Burdette; Ms. Kathy Hayward...and many, many others who have given to ease burden and lift spirits over the past holiday season. Your generosity leaves us grateful and humbled.



A big thank you to Sherry Cook and the young ladies at Lee County Youth Development. They stopped by with some treats for the office.

